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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jeff DeRouen Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: <u>Consideration of the Implementation of Smart Grid and Smart Meter Technologies</u>
Case No. 2012-00428

Dear Mr. DeRouen:

Enclosed please find and accept for filing the original and ten copies of the parties Joint Statement Concerning Need for Evidentiary Hearing in the above-referenced matter. Please confirm your receipt of this filing by placing the stamp of your Office with the date received on the enclosed additional copies and return them to me via our office courier.

Should you have any questions please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

W. Duncan Crosby III

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Parties of Record

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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JOINT STATEMENT CONCERNING NEED FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BY AND THROUGH HIS OFFICE OF RATE INTERVENTION, BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION, BIG SANDY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, BLUE GRASS ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC., COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC., COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FOR LEXINGTON-FAYETTE, BOURBON, HARRISON AND NICHOLAS COUNTIES, INC., CUMBERLAND VALLEY ELECTRIC, DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC., DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC., EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE. INC., FARMERS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, FLEMING-MASON ENERGY COOPERATIVE, GRAYSON RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, JACKSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY CORPORATION, KENERGY CORP., KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC., KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY, KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY, LICKING VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, NOLIN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, SHELBY ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC., SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, AND TAYLOR COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

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In accordance with the Commission's November 25, 2014 Order in this proceeding, the above-listed parties, which are all of the parties to this proceeding, have authorized the undersigned counsel to represent to the Commission that they do not believe there is a need to conduct a public hearing in this proceeding and that the matter can be submitted to the Commission for a decision based on the existing evidentiary record.

Dated: December 3, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the above and foregoing Joint Statement was served upon the following individuals by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, on the 3rd day of December 2014:

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